

# Gun men rob gold worth Sh100m in Amudat

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**AMUDAT.** Artisanal gold miners in Chepkarat gold mining area in Karita sub-county in Amudat District have been left in tears after armed men looted their gold.

The incident took place on Thursday at 8pm when miners packed their harvests and prepared to leave the site.

Mr Joseph Wamuno, a gold

miner, told *Daily Monitor*, the six gunmen fired into the air as they stormed the mines, sending the miners to scamper as they grabbed the precious gems and disappeared.

"These people came armed. We thought they were UPDF soldiers patrolling the area. They ordered us to surrender all the gold as they shot into air and people scattered for their dear lives, abandoning the gold to the thieves," he said.

Mr Wamuno said no miner was shot although people sustained injuries in the stampede.

Grace Chepto, another miner, said she had collected a kilogramme of gold, and was expecting a good sale next week.

"I was expecting to get money to pay fees for my children and also buy them some clothes for Christmas, but now I have remained with nothing," she lamented.

Mr Richard Aruk Maruk, the Mt Moroto regional police commander, confirmed the incident and described it as a criminal act.

He said police and the army have launched an operation to arrest the people behind the looting and using firearms to rob.

"This is the first incident to happen, but we are looking for them and we shall get them by all means," he said.